

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2016-17

Finance Portfolio
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Senator: Bilyk

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Question:

1. How much did the Department spend on stationary and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?
2. How much did the Department spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?
3. What brand of paper does the Department use?
4. Is this paper Australian made?
5. If no, why doesn't the Department buy Australian made paper?

Answer:

1. \$238,966.84 (GST inclusive) on stationery and office supplies (excluding paper).
2. \$50,878.70 (GST inclusive) on paper.
3. 10% Recycled
100% Recycled
Premium
Max 100% recycled
Max 50% recycled
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4. All the paper purchases made by the Department were through Australian-based firms. Approximately 0.2% of the total expenditure on paper was on Australian made paper.

5. National treatment and non-discrimination provisions in Australia's international agreements require the Government to treat goods, services and suppliers of other countries the same as domestic suppliers. This is reflected in paragraph 5.3 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.

Preferencing or providing weighting to a supplier based on their location would be contrary to the national treatment and non-discrimination requirements in all of Australia's international agreements.